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Applicants : Thomas J. Bachinski et al.

Application No. : 10/817,120 Confirmation No. : 2904

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FASTENERS

Group Art Unit : 3731

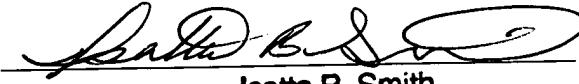
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] a Reply to Final Office  
Action; [ ] a Terminal Disclaimer; and [ ] a Supplemental  
Information Disclosure Statement to be filed in the above  
identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

A fee for additional claims is not required.

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	1 - 20	* = 0	X \$ 50	= \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3	** = 0	X \$ 200	= \$ 0.00
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Respectfully submitted,



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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed  
November 1, 2005, applicants respectfully request  
reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of  
the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.